

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BILLINGS DIVISION

ANGELA M. MATRANGA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KILOLO KIJAKAZI, Acting
Commissioner of Social Security
Administration,

Defendant.

CV-22-15-BLG-KLD

ORDER

Plaintiff Angela M. Matranga (“Matranga”), by and through her attorney, John E. Seidlitz, Jr., moves under the Equal Access to Justice Act (“EAJA”), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), for attorney fees and costs incurred in prosecuting her Social Security appeal. She requests \$6,515.32 in fees and \$402.00 in filing costs. Costs are not paid by agency funds, but rather by the Judgment Fund.

Counsel for Defendant Commissioner of Social Security (“Commissioner”) has been contacted and agrees to Matranga’s application for fees and costs in this amount.

Upon Plaintiff’s application for fees and costs under the Equal Access to Justice Act, and for good cause showing:

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that Matranga's Application for Award of EAJA Fees and Costs is GRANTED. Matranga shall recover from the Commissioner \$6,515.32 in fees, as well as \$402.00 in filing costs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if, after receiving the Court's EAJA fee order, the Commissioner (1) determines upon effectuation of the Court's EAJA fee order that Plaintiff does not owe a debt that is subject to offset under the Treasury Offset Program, (2) agrees to waive the requirements of the Anti-Assignment Act, and (3) is provided a valid assignment of fees executed by Plaintiff, the fees will be made payable to Plaintiff's attorney and mailed to Plaintiff's attorney's office as follows:

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However, if there is a debt owned under the Treasury Offset Program, the Commissioner cannot agree to waive the requirements of the Anti-Assignment Act, and any remaining EAJA fees after offset will be paid by a check made out to Plaintiff, but delivered to Plaintiff's attorney.

DATED this 24th day of January, 2023.



Kathleen L. DeSoto
United States Magistrate Judge